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LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL FEDERATION OF COOPERATIVE SUGAR FACTORIES
KINJARAPU YERRANNAIDU

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Federation of Cooperative Sugar Factories has urged theUnion Government to reduce the excise duty on molasses and allow alternate packing material for sugar instead of gunny bags; and

(b) if so, the action taken up by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. Such a representation was received from the National Federationof Cooperative Sugar Factories by the Government. However, after taking into consideration all the relevant factors, Government have decided to extend the compulsory packaging of sugar to the extent of 100%, with the provision that in case of any shortage in supply of jute packaging material, relaxation upto 20% will be allowed by the Ministry of Textiles in consultation with the user Ministry concerned.

There is also no proposal for reduction in excise duty on molasses.